

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 12 without prejudice to its future prosecution and add new claim 13 as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims

Claims 1-12 cancelled.

13. (Newly Presented) An immunomodulatory column comprising:

A multiplicity of compartments positioned in relation to one another in series, said compartments having channels interconnecting adjacent compartments, said channels further having a means to isolate said compartments from one another, said compartments further having at least one entrance and at least one exit ports for receiving or expelling, respectively, a flowable medium, said ports further having a means to close said ports to impede said flowable medium, any one or more of said compartments further optionally comprising biological and/or structural components selected from the group consisting of artificial APC's, molecular labels including irrelevant molecules capable of binding to solid supports or artificial APC, antigen-specific peptides capable of binding MHC, MHC molecules and solid supports capable of binding any of the forgoing biological or structural components.

REMARKS

Claim 12 was pending prior to this Response. By the present communication, claim 12 has been cancelled without prejudice, and add new claim 13 has been added. Thus, upon entry of the present amendment, claim 13 will be pending in this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter no longer or not yet claimed in this or a related application.

Response to Specific Objections

1. The Examiner has noted that the oath or declaration as originally filed in this application is defective for the failure to list the inventor's country of citizenship. Applicant has transmitted herewith a new oath/declaration properly filled out and referencing this application. Thus, the new oath/declaration should render moot the Examiners objection.